



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Group Art Unit: 1645
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Title: **DIAGNOSIS OF SPONGIFORM DISEASE**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner of Patents
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To the Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003, for four months from July 27, 2003, to November 27, 2003. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A check for \$740 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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